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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MILITARY EXERCISE - TEAM SPIRIT

1. DEFENSE HAS INFORMALLY ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE IN PLANNING FOR EXERCISE TEAM SPIRIT, TO BE HELD IN KOREA DURING JUNE - JULY, 1976.

2. TENTATIVE PLANS FOR EXERCISE, WHICH IS PREDICATED ON A NORTH KOREAN INVASION AND BREAKTHROUGH, CALL FOR INVOLVEMENT OF 5000 MARINES AIRLIFTED FROM OKINAWA, F-4 AIRCRAFT FROM PHILIPPINES, AND B-52S. THERE ARE ALSO PLANS FOR AIRLIFT OF SOME U.S. TROOPS TO KOREA FROM HAWAII. NAVAL ELEMENTS WOULD INCLUDE CARRIER TASK FORCE OF 5 SHIPS PLUS ATTACK SUBMARINE. PLANS ARE NOT YET FIRM ON EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION BY ROK FORCES OR U.S. FORCES IN KOREA.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TOKYO VIEWS ON GENERAL JAPANESE REACTION TO AN EXERCISE OF THIS KIND
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AND ON SPECIFIC QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF U.S. FORCES

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